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(Continued from yesterday.)

Avery read the message. The palor of unnerving fear came upon him. His head dropped forward and be glanced apprehensively about him. His hand trembled as he laid the paper on the desk. He sank hopelessly into a chair. "Doyle," the old man choked-"Doyle! He said he'd slough me, and now he'll do it-or else be'll make me pay blackmail. You never can tell how much a copper wants for keepin' quiet."

"Oh, don't get blue," encouraged Valentine. "He doesn't want you fellows. It's me that he is after." He examined a large photograph which Avery had sent him. It showed the tables and guests at a large banquet in a luxuriously appointed restaurant. "Yes, I think this saves me," he remarked. He held it before Red, asking, "What's this?"

"Finshlight of a banquet." "Who is this on the right of the toastmaster?" pointing at a face in the picture.

"You." "Pipe the date," went on the assistant cashler, "Feb. 9, 1906. Do you remember where I was on that date?" He gazed curiously at Red. Avery watched the proceeding with rare in-

The watchman became thoughtful. At last a puzzled wrinkle marked his forehead. "Why-why-you-were-in -Sing Sing-prison-on-that-date,"

be replied confusedly Valentine and Avery laughed in Abeir superior knowledge.

"No, no," protested Valentine, "this photograph proves I was at a banquet in St. Paul. I'll beat Doyle and I'll make him like it."

"You can't," was Avery's pessimis

"You said we couldn't go square, any of us, and we all have," was Valentine's rejoinder. "And if we can beat the thing inside of us that calls we can beat one man that hunts."

A clerk knocked at the door and entered to ascertain if he should now bring in a trayful of cash which Valentine was to count. He was ordered to do so at once, and Avery's face became a study as the young man soon re-entered with a tray on which new banknotes of large denominations were piled among glistening rows of gold

"Great snakes, what a chance!" exclaimed the one time thief, looking from Valentine to the watchman. "This is no place for me. Oh, just for one grab and the quick getaway!" He mopped his wrinkled brow. "I'm sweating like a polar bear on the Fourth of July."

"Haven't got it out of your blood yet, eh?" asked Valentine.

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elevator alone after a month or two, but coarse money like that-wow!" The old man stared fascinatedly at the enticing tray. "Well, we watched each other for

awhile," commented Red, pointing to "And ain't neither of you ever snatched even one bundle?" asked

Avery incredulously. "Well, you better get me out of here. I'm going to have lockjaw in both hands in a minute." He reached

for his hat and stick. "No, you're not," put in Valentine. "Come on, Red," he said, walking to the vault room door. "I'm going to prove to Bill that he's honest. He's going to watch that money till we

Avery cried out in protest, but Red followed his superior, and the time



"MR. CRONIN" FACED VALENTINE AND RED

worn thief, who had confessed to his friends the weakness that he well knew yet lurked within him, was left alone in the banking office before a tray containing \$63,000 in cash. Within reach was the door leading into the open hallway through which it was but a few seconds' dash to the busy street, where a man would immediately be lost to view in the passing

"It's a dirty trick," muttered the old man, starting after the others. A shaft of yellow light reflected from one of the golden coins caught his eye, drove into his very brain, into the thin red blood that coursed through his hardening veins. He stopped. He turned full around and slowly, with hands eagerly outstretched, tiptoed back to the table bearing the precious burden. His brows narrowed down over his pale gray eyes, his fingers, long talons in their curved fixedness, began to nervously twitch. Then Avery jerked himself away of a sudden. He straightened himself up and started toward the vault room door to summon Valentine. But even as he did so his glance roved back to the alluring tray. He was drawn to it as the nerveless rabbit that succumbs to the insidious charm of the oscillating head of the hungry python.

He stepped to the tray. He selzed two packages of hundred dollar bills, thrust them into his pockets, then clutched two more. The fever had him. His eyes shone with the fire of gone days and gone nights. His polsoned blood sang through his veins. Then he stopped once more. He raised his head.

"And have the coppers after me again," he murmured thoughtfully. He laid down a package. "And 'double cross' a pal that put me straight. Not me, not me!" He replaced the remainder of the money. "And coin that comes crooked never was any good."

Avery stood before the tray of money. Now he looked at the tempting fortune with the sure knowledge that he had conquered-that be had faced his greatest test and had not been found wanting.

The thought of how narrowly he had escaped committing the meanest crime of his career came over him, and he realfzed that he had been on the verge of plunging bimself into the death dealing life from which Valentine had rescued him. Ungovernable rage possessed him at his insane lapse into the self that he had cast from him. He swung his fist at the neatly

stacked piles of gold pieces. "Curse you, curse you!" he cried in frenzy. The tray and its contents crashed to the floor and the money scattered in all directions.

Valentine and Red, hearing the noise, came rushing in from the vault room. They saw the floor littered with banknotes and coins. And crouching forlornly in a chair was the figure of old Bill Avery. His hands were pressed I

over his eyes, and he sobbed in the agony that gripped the soul which had been restored to him.

CHAPTER XIII.

"TOOK-some of-that money," Avery finally managed to say as he saw his two friends before him. "And you put it back," smiled Valentine. "The minute you touched it you found you couldn't"-

"That's it." put in Avery engerly as he arose and proceeded to aid Red in restoring the scattered money to Its place. "I couldn't take it then. Now I can go out of here and know that I'll never steal again."

"You mustn't go until Doyle comes in, for he might see you on the street." warned Valentine. "When he comes you can go out through the vault room and make your getaway while I stall him here."

In talking with Avery, Jimmy Valentine unconsciously fell into the use of the vernacular of his early voca-

With a parting handshake Avery went out into the vault room, where Red was to exhibit to him the big new safe. The assistant cashler, now that the tray of money had been replaced on the table, picked up the photograph, hung it in the place of another affixed to the wall at the right of his desk and inspected it with pronounced satisfaction.

The ball door opened, and Rose Lane came into the office. The girl was in a peculiar mood that day-there was no denying it. Valentine had always found his benefactor, young though she was, particularly difficult to fathom, and today she was more baffling than ever. She talked at length regarding her plans for the children's Christmas celebration, and, standing before his desk, while he stood behind it, she said. "And I want to know what you want for Christmas."

"Is there anything I could want?" he answered in low tones. "Think of what you and two short years have done for me." "And there's never anything more

you want? Don't you ever dreamdreams of, say, two years more?" She turned her eyes to the floor. "Oh, yes, to go on as I've been going these last two, since your father gave

me a position of trust, and make everything good and pile up the money for you." She drew away from him. "Haven't you ever thought there

might be something I want more than money?" Valentine hesitated. His voice b

came intensely serious. "I don't let myself think of you only as your employee," he finally auswer-

Rose turned sideways to him, so that he could not see her face as she delivered her next question, although she would have given much to have been able to watch the expression of the assistant cashier-her assistant cashier-as she asked it.

"But," she ventured, "you must have thought that I would marry some

Silence, with Valentine fumbling in embarrassment a pencil which lay upon his desk, "Yes-I"- he began, but Rose con-

tinued his sentence for him. "And it hurts you to think of it. doesn't it? Say it."

"Y-e-s."

"Go on." He could endure the situation no longer. The girl had penetrated his very soul with her questions, had uncovered in Jimmy Valentine the secrets of his new life-the secrets which he had resolved to keep buried forever. But now he must speak. He must tell her the truth about his situation as regarded her-part of the truth, at least.

"And the thought of you brings darkness, desolation." he said, keeping a firm grip on the emotions that threatened to unnerve him. "What is the use? You're all there is to live for -to just see you now and then. You're all there is to life. Men have loved and slaves have loved and animals that bave been saved have loved, but never were the three loves fused in one. And you're good, and your life is clean, while mine-but you know all that." He inclined his face from her.

"I have forgotten," she said simply. "You cannot. And any day the shadow of other days may fall. But I want you to know this and believe it as your God-my love for you is a holy thing, sacred and deathless." Valentine was looking earnestly into her eyes now. His hand was resting on toward him as she went out of the the desk. She seized it in hers and drew him toward her.

"Take me in your arms, Lee." she cried fervently. "I love you. I'll love you till"- Her face was upraised to his as she clung to him. He held her

in his arms and kissed her again and again. "How I have longed for youyears-years"- Her words were smothered in his kisses. "There is no end to the happiness you bring," murmured Valentine at

spare his lips for conversational pur-"Oh." exclaimed Rose, drawing away at arm's length temporarily: "I want to tell you something. Lee, something I've known for years and years-we are going to marry."

He caught her into his arms once "I love you. It will never end." he

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"Yes, yes," he answered; "Fil see the gentleman in a few minutes." He hung up the receiver. "God,"

he groaned. "Doyle!" Valentine turned toward the girl, who surveyed him anxiously.

"What is it?" she asked. She saw that he was deeply worried. "I don't know," he stammered, "but # is most important-most important." "Well, I'll run downtown; the car is waiting," she said happlly. "Then I'll come back and get you and dad and

take you home." His face had taken on the paller that marked the visages of men who came from Warden Handler's game of

solitaire "Yes, but should this man have business which would take me out of town"-

"But you mustn't go out of townnow hear me." She, of course, had not the slightest suspicion of the true importance of that telephone call. "I won't if there's a way out"

"Well, just don't-just don't," pleaded Rose, "I am going to leave the children here to take care of you." "Rose," he cried, going to her, "Rose, it was chance that brought us together; it was chance that brought you to

a prison one day. Chance is uncer-

tain, capricious, and that same chance

may separate us suddenly." "Nothing can separate us," confi-"Let that be our prayer to all the

gods. But this I want you to remember-from my soul I love you. Now She kissed her hand and waved it

"Goodby, Rose." He stood a moment; then, taking

down the telephone receiver, he said into the mouthpiece: "Hello. All right. Send the gentle-

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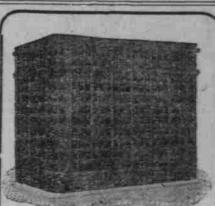
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He's gone into Mr. Lane's office?" The telephone receiver fell to the desk with a crash. Doyle gone into the office of Mr. Lane, Rose's father! Here was a new complication, a new danger, one which Jimmy Valentine had not included in his calculations. Well, come what may, he must face the situ-

"Miss Taylor-Miss Mabel," he called, taking up the receiver and asking for the "central" of the bank's private exchange, "give me Mr. Lane's office. Hello, Mr. Lane. Ob, now regarding that Germond note, he says that he-Oh, you are coming into my office now with a Mr. Doyle? All right. I'll be

here. Very well. Goodby." The receiver clattered into its wonted position on the book, and Jimmy Valentine stood at his desk awaiting the arrival of Rose Lane's father and Detective George Doyle.

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